## **Patent Claims**

- 1. Process for the winding of nets knitted from thrums and wefts to a given winding width at a winding point, characterised in that the thrums of the knitted net are guided along spacer elements ahead of the winding point.
  - 2. Process according to Claim 1, characterised in that the winding width of the net is reduced by the spacer elements.
- 3. Process according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the thrums run parallel to the pass direction of the net between the spacer elements and the winding point.

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- 4. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterised in that the reduction in the winding width of the net is effected by reducing the distance between the thrums.
  - 5. Process according to Claim 4, characterised in that due to the reduction in the distance between the thrums, the wefts between the thrums in the wound net are not under tension.
- 6. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 5, characterised in that the winding width is set by moving the spacer elements transversely to the pass direction of the net.
- 7. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 6, characterised in that the spacer elements rotate at a circumferential speed about an axis transversely to the winding direction of the net, with the circumferential speed corresponding to the speed of the net.
  - 8. Process according to one of Claims 1 to 7, characterised in that polyolefin strips are employed as thrums and wefts.
- 9. Device for winding knitted nets (1) produced from thrums (2) and wefts (3) to a given winding width at a winding point in which spacer elements (5, 9, 14) are arranged ahead of the winding point along which the thrums (2) of the knitted net are guided.
- Device according to Claim 9, characterised in that spacer rings (5) are located on the rod (4) as spacer elements.

- Device according to Claim 9, characterised in that the spacer elements are formed as ribs (14) on a rod (4).
- Device according to one of Claims 9 to 11, characterised in that the spacer elements (5, 9, 14) rotate about an axis transversely to the winding direction of the net during winding of the net (1).
  - Device according to one of Claims 9 to 11, characterised in that the spacer elements (5, 9, 14) do not move during winding of the net (1).
- 14. Device according to one of Claims 9 to 13, characterised in that the distance between the spacer elements (5, 9, 14) corresponds to the distance between the thrums (2) of the wound net (1).
- Device according to one of Claims 9 to 14, characterised in that the spacer elements (5, 9) can be moved transversely to the pass direction (16) of the net (1).